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A PROTEIN BELONGING TO THE TNF

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COMMUNICATION

This Communication is being filed in response to the Interview Summary dated September 28, 2005 issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Interview Summary summarized the telephonic interview between Examiner Emch and Quang Nguyen. During that interview, the Examiner indicated that a Notice of Allowance would be forthcoming pending the results of a sequence interference search.

In view of the fact that the six month statutory deadline is October 1, 2005, and the Notice of Allowance has not yet issued, Applicants file herewith a Notice of Appeal ("the Notice) and a Petition for Extension of Time for filing the Notice in order to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.113.

Summary

In view of a two month extension of time having been paid previously with the Amendment dated August 26, 2005 in response to the Final Office Action dated April 1, 2005, it is believed that the fee for the difference of a three month and a two month extension of time is only required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petition for extension of time

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